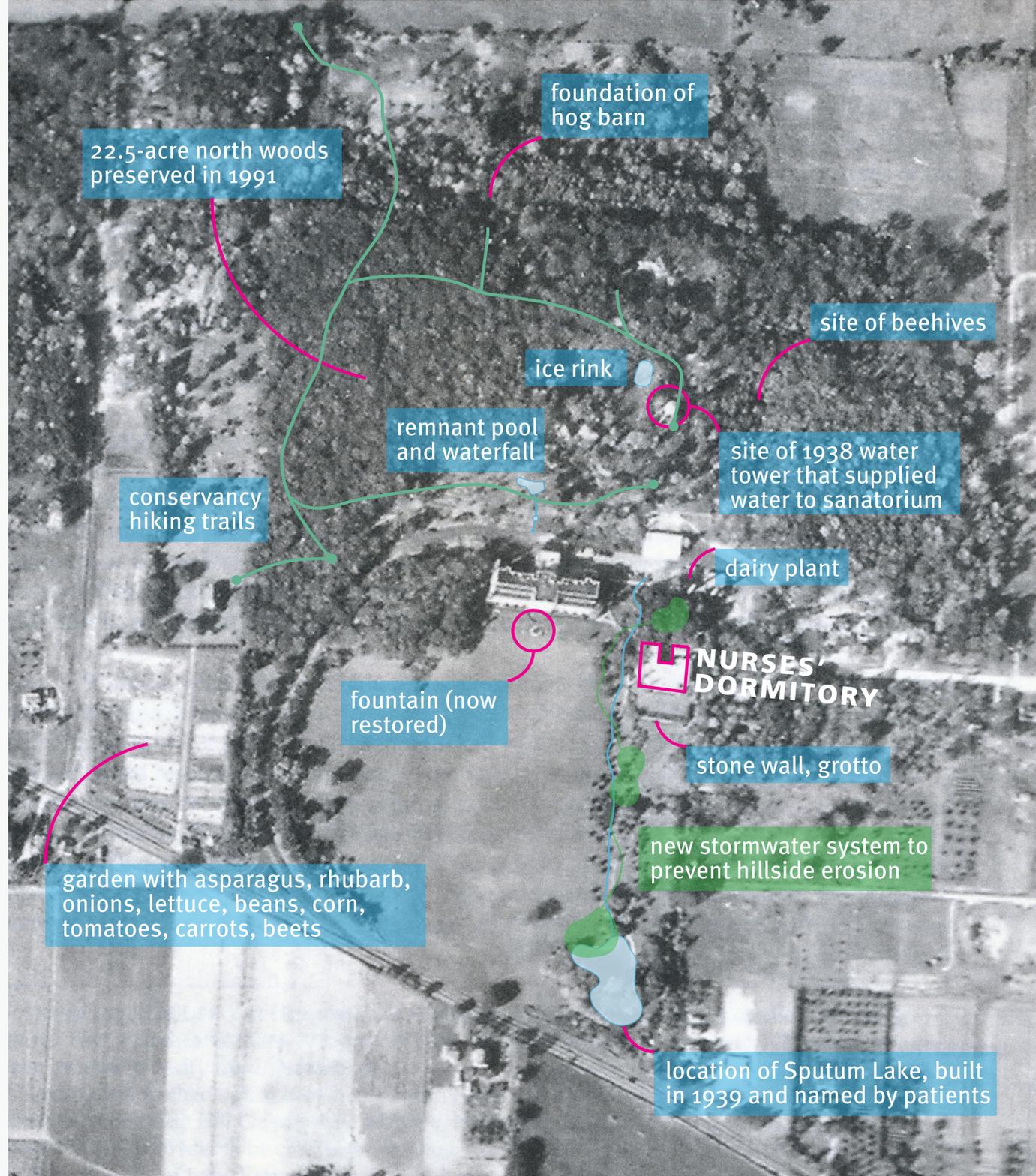




# Lake View Grounds



Today, Lake View visitors can explore the grounds and find traces of the sanatorium era, including paths, ponds, cascading pools, hog pens, and the fountain on the great lawn.

Pictured on the left is a 1949 aerial photograph showing the sanatorium grounds when Lake View was active.



“It was intended to be more or less a self-contained structure.”  
— Tom Fisher, facilities manager

The Lake View grounds were **DESIGNED FOR THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES**. The landscape was restorative, with a panorama of Madison and Lake Mendota across the south lawn.

Lake View aimed to be sustainable in water, power, and food supply. As part of their therapy, the healthiest patients worked in Lake View’s garden. The garden—along with a hog pen and dairy plant—saved money for the county. In 1933, for example, food production at Lake View reduced food expenses by 13 percent.

- i** Lake View built its own water tower in 1938 to have an independent supply. The tower also supplied water to landscaped ponds.
- i** The facility’s main electricity came from the city of Madison. A powerhouse provided for Lake View’s outbuildings.
- i** By 1937, a small creek, paths, and grotto were constructed on the slope below the Nurses’ Dormitory.